

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
ENGLISH 1101 - COMPOSITION - SPRING 2008 - B

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Course Description: English 1101 is a composition course focusing on skills required for effective writing in a variety of contexts, with emphasis on exposition, analysis, and argumentation.

Text: *Harbrace Handbook*, 15th edition; *Language Awareness*; dictionary.

Attendance Policy: See VSU catalog. One absence is excused in the eight week session. A second absence requires proof of emergency or TAD orders. If a student misses two classes, an “F” will be the course grade. Three “tardies” count as one absence. Being present means being on time for the full time.

Classroom Decorum: Chewing tobacco, snuff, and smoking are prohibited in the classroom. Turn off all sound producing gadgets (cell phones, pagers, radio). Food and drinks must be properly disposed of when students leave the classroom. Violations of this rule will result in food and drink being prohibited in class. Classroom discussion is strongly encouraged, expected, and required. However, discussions must remain on track. Disruption of the learning environment will not be tolerated.

Academic Dishonesty: Plagiarism (using someone else’s work and calling it your own) will result in an “F” for the course.

Evaluation: 90-100 = A; 80-90 = B; 70-79 = C; 60-69 = D; 0-59 = F.

Grading Procedures: In essays, minor errors cost 5 points; major errors cost 10 points. The seven highest essays will count as 70% of the grade. All essays may be revised once (except the FINAL) IF AND ONLY IF the revision is stapled on top of the original and returned at the next class meeting. Revisions will not be accepted after that. The final exam will count as 30% of the grade.

Student Responsibilities: Students must come to class with the texts, blue or black pens (no pencils). White 8.5x11 paper (with clean edges) and a disk. It is the student's responsibility to know the administrative procedures established by the University that will be observed in this class. This is especially important in regard to dropping or withdrawing from courses of instruction. Students must adhere to deadlines for drops and withdrawals in order to avoid academic and financial penalties.

ADA: VSU complies fully with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you believe you are covered under this act, and if you have need for special arrangements to allow you to meet the requirements of this course, please contact personnel at VSU Center in the Navy College Building. This office will put you in contact with VSU's Special Services Office. Also, please discuss this situation with your professor at the first class meeting.

1. Thursday March 13 (5:30pm - 10:15pm) *Harbrace* Chapters 1-4; *Language Awareness* Chapter 31; Introduction; Diagnostic and Results; Bias Project; Write an essay in class.

2. Thursday March 20 (5:30pm - 10:15pm) *Harbrace* Chapters 5-8; *Language Awareness* Chapter 2; Review; Grammar; Write an essay in class.

3. Thursday March 27 (5:30pm - 10:15pm) *Harbrace* Chapters 9-15; *Language Awareness* Chapter 3; Grammar; Write an essay in class.

4. Thursday April 3 (5:30pm - 10:15pm) *Harbrace* Chapters 16-20; *Language Awareness* Chapter 4; Grammar; Introduction to poetry. Write an essay in class.

5. Thursday April 10 (5:30pm - 10:15pm) *Harbrace* Chapters 21-25; *Language Awareness* Chapter 5; Grammar; Poetry; Write an essay in class.

6. Thursday April 17 (5:30pm - 10:15pm) *Harbrace* Chapters 26-28 and 36; *Language Awareness* Chapter 6; Grammar; Write an essay in class.

7. Thursday April 24 (5:30pm - 10:15pm) *Harbrace* Chapter 29-30 and 37; *Language Awareness* Chapter 7; Review; Grammar; Write an essay in class.

8. Thursday May 1 (5:30pm - 10:15pm) Final Exam (two hours).